



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

"Where all are welcome – all the time"

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Sunday 1st September 2013

Welcome to worship with us – whether this is the first time you have entered our church, or if you are a long-standing member of our congregation. We seek to offer friendship and opportunities for learning more of God's will in this place and in this generation.

Refreshments are served in the hall following most Sunday services – please do stay for a chat over a cuppa and a biscuit.

- Sun 1st Sep** **10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP**
Rev. Alison Walker
Bible readings: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-27 (page 165)
John 12: 20-23 (page 102)
- 18.30 CIRCUIT SERVICE at Wesley (see overleaf)**
We pray... for all new ministers
- Tue 3rd Sep 19.30 Disciple course publicity meeting (*see overleaf*)
- Wed 4th Sep 10.00 Time To Be
- 10.30-12.00 Coffee morning
- 12.00-13.00 "Forever Active" exercise class
- 19.00-21.00 Family Fun Evening (*see overleaf*)
- Thu 5th Sep 10.00-12.00 Castle Street Tots
- Sun 8th Sep** **10.45 MORNING WORSHIP WITH**
HOLY COMMUNION
Rev. Dr. Janet Bunker
- 18.30 UNITED EVENING WORSHIP**
Rev. Alison Walker

Please take a copy of Castle View for fuller details of what's on each month.

Circuit Welcome Service – this evening at Wesley

We hope that as many people as possible will go along to the Circuit Service this evening at 6.30pm at Wesley Methodist Church, when we shall formally welcome our new minister, Revd. Alison Walker, as well as the circuit's new deacon. The preacher will be Revd. Graham Thompson, Chair of the East Anglia District.

There will be a circuit choir to sing an introit, an anthem and a vesper, led by Geoff Batty and Brian Carter; the choir will rehearse from 5pm and all are welcome to join it (if you want to know the music in advance, please speak to Brian).



Centenary Flower Festival at Wesley – today

The flower festival at Wesley Methodist Church is now well underway. If you've not managed to pop along, then it's officially open until 6pm today – although, of course, none of the displays will disappear between then and the circuit service at 6.30pm.



Wednesday morning activities

As the new Methodist year gets underway, there are no changes to our usual Wednesday morning trio of activities – we are very pleased that Alison has agreed to pick up the “Time To Be” prayer meeting at 10am, just half an hour before the weekly coffee morning.



Fun for all the family!

Whatever your age or level of fitness, you'll enjoy yourself at the M&SR Committee's evening of fun at Castle Street on Wednesday 4th September, from 7pm until 9pm. There will be light refreshments available during the evening. “Forever Active” leader, Dash, is providing a wide range of games and activities in the church hall, with some being similar to those the group enjoys on Wednesdays. Do come along and take part – you won't be too young, too old or too unfit – and even people in wheelchairs will have exercises to take part in, so no excuses! It's a fundraiser, so please just put what you can into the cash basket. Offers of refreshment will be most welcome, as would people to serve them.

Disciple course – starting imminently, at Castle Street

If you've not heard about this, where *have* you been? Full details are in the September issue of *Castle View* (available today), but the "Publicity and Recruitment Evening" is this coming Tuesday (3rd September) at 7.30pm. We do hope that folk from Castle Street will sign up for this course, which is being run for the circuit.

At this Tuesday's meeting you'll meet the leaders, watch a DVD, and see the approach demonstrated. Resources will be displayed, dates and times discussed, and information given. There will be time for questions and an opportunity to hear from some who completed the course previously. There will also be a chance to sign up.

The Launch Meeting, for people who wish to participate, will take place on Tuesday 10th September, again at 7.30pm. The 34-week course then begins on Tuesday 24th September. For more details, contact Revd. Dr. Peter Graves on (01638) 724 928; to sign up, contact Dr. Derek Nicholls on (01223) 882 354.



"A Faith to Live By" service at Haslingfield Methodist Church

Haslingfield Methodist Church's regular series exploring what Christianity means in practice resumes next Sunday (8th September) after the summer break. Starting at 6.30pm, each one usually includes a time of worship, a presentation and a time for discussion, and is followed by refreshments. In the first one, Liz Davies (a member of Oakington Methodist Church) will address the topic "Language – bridge or barrier?".

When Liz was sixteen she was invited to stay with the family of an Italian student, and this began a relationship with Italy and two Italian families lasting fifty-one years. As a result of this encounter Liz trained and moved into Public Service Interpreting. Following this she helped to set up the first "not-for-profit" interpreting / translation agency for public services (legal / medical and local government) and has worked with Italian patients coming to Addenbrooke's Hospital for liver transplants for nearly twenty years. Liz's time in Italy taught her that Methodists have something to learn from Catholic Mass, and the agency has provided a special insight into communities of colleagues of many races and faiths.

“Big Issues” series: CAMTAD – can you hear the words?

A stimulating presentation (with coffee and tempting desserts) at Histon Methodist Church on Thursday 26th September, at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.



Training evenings for children’s workers, organised by GenR8

- “Boys: God, Church and Faith”: Thursday 26th September at 7.30pm at All Saints’ Church, Milton. Led by Nick Harding, author and Children’s Ministry Adviser of the Diocese of Southwell.
- “How can the whole church engage in children’s ministry?”: Monday 7th October at 7.30pm at All Saints’ Church Hall, Cottenham. Led by Chris Duffett, President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

To book places (£5 per person per evening), contact steve@genr8.org.



And finally... a word from Alan

Grazie mille, Tusind tak, Diolch, Dank u zeer, Arigato, Shukran, Toda rabah, Danke. However you say it’s a simple message but one from the heart – thank you Castle Street and Church at Castle. Thank you for two and a half years of exciting ministry, for all your love and support, for your encouragement, for the deep discipleship you have displayed, for looking after me, for nurturing me, for challenging me, for allowing me to be me. I was overwhelmed by the vibrancy and joy of our United Farewell Eucharist on 25th August, the thrill of being together.

I was humbled by the kindness and generosity of Castle Street showing appreciation with a love gift of £500. I am of course continuing to live in my Cambridge home and will be serving the Cambridge Circuit in whatever ways I can. For the future may I ask you all to envelop Alison and Robin Walker with love and support as Alison’s new ministry begins.

“Past put behind us, for the future take us, Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone” (StF 470 v.5)

Please contact **Brian Carter** if you have any items for inclusion on next Sunday’s notice sheet, ideally by Friday evening.

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